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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRG, PFOR
SUBJ: KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE DEMAND FOR DECLARATION BY WEST-
INTHOUSE

REF: (A) 76 KUWAIT 4891, (B) 76 STATE 254029.

1. I RECEIVED LETTER DATED JAN 14 FROM ARTHUR E. CALLAHAN,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, WEST-
INGHOUSE CORPORATION, INFORMING ME OF KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE
DEMAND RECEIVED BY WESTINGHOUSE FOR DECLARATION REGARDING
POSSIBLE SALE OF NUCLEAR POWER TO ISRAEL. LOCAL KUWAIT AGENT
HAD INFORMED WESTINGHOUSE OF DEC 27 LETTER FROM KUWAIT
BOYCOTT OFFICE DEMANDING QUOTE A DECLARATION (WHICH) UNDERTAKES
THAT WESTINGHOUSE OR ANY OF THE SUBSIDIARIES WILL NOT PAR-
TICIPATE IN FUTURE IN SETTING UP ANY ATOMIC STATIONS IN
ISRAEL OF SELLING PRODUCTS OF ATOMIC STATIONS THERE (IN
ISRAEL). UNQUOTE. CALLAHAN REQUESTED MY ASSISTANCE IN
EXPLAINING TO GOK WESTINGHOUSE ROLE IN SALE OF ATOMIC
REACTORS TO EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

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2. I ARRANGED TO SEE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS SULEIMAN
HAMOUD ZAYD AL-KHALID ON JAN. 31 TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM.
I EXPLAINED THAT, WHILE MATTER HAD DEFINITE FOREIGN
POLICY CONNOTATIONS, I WANTED FIRST TO RAISE IT WITH HIM
SINCE KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE CAME UNDER HIS GENERAL PURVIEW.
I TOLD HIM OF LETTER MENTIONED ABOVE ABOUT WHICH HE WAS

NOT INFORMED. SINCE I HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH HIM BEFORE (REF A), I DID NOT HAVE TO PROVIDE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF US POSITION ON THIS MATTER. I DID STRESS AGAIN NEGATIVE IMPACT WHICH BOYCOTT OF WESTINGHOUSE IN EVENT OF POSSIBLE NUCLEAR REACTOR SALE TO ISRAEL COULD HAVE ON PROVISION OF SIMILAR NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR TO EGYPT WHICH WESTINGHOUSE WAS ALREADY SELECTED TO CONSTRUCT.

3. MINISTER READILY UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEM AND NOTED THAT THIS WAS SPECIAL CASE WHICH COULD NOT BE HANDLED UNDER NORMAL RULES. HE OFFERED TO CONSULT WITH THE BOYCOTT OFFICE ON THIS MATTER, BUT ASKED THAT FIRST I PROVIDE HIM WITH A LETTER DESCRIBING THE USG POSITION ON THIS CASE.

4. I WILL, THEREFORE, FORWARD TO HIM THE REQUESTED LETTER BASED ON THE TALKING POINTS PROVIDED IN REF. B. I REQUEST THAT DEPT. INFORM EITHER CALLAHAN OR AMBASSADOR DWIGHT PORTER OF WESTINGHOUSE OF ACTION I AM TAKING. I UNDERSTAND DEADLINE FOR WESTINGHOUSE REPLY TO KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE DEMAND IS MARCH 27 AND I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT SOME PROGRESS BEFORE THAT DATE.

5. I ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF THIS MEETING WITH COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER TO INQUIRE WHETHER POSITIVE CERTIFICATIONS OF ORIGIN WERE ACCEPTABLE TO THE KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE. ZAYD AL-KHALID SAID THAT THE MATTER WAS UNDER ACTIVE STUDY. I ENCOURAGED GOK TO REACH FAVORABLE DECISION IN ORDER TO REMOVE CURRENT UNCERTAINTY WHICH IS CAUSING CONFUSION AMONG AMERICAN FIRMS AND BANKS DOING BUSINESS WITH KUWAIT.
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